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BIRTH.
At 5, Shantung Road, Shanghai, on the 27th August, the wife of the Rev. J. D. LIDDELL, of Mongolia, of a son.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, September 3rd, 1900

If any argument were needed in favour of the suspension for the present of missionary effort in the interior of China, it is to be found in the heartrending narrative of the sufferings of a party of missionaries while escaping from Pingyao, in Shansi, to Hankow. The terrible story, as told in the N.C. Daily News, shows how eight adults and six children left Pingyao on the 25th June and were subsequently joined by Mr. and Mrs. GLOVER and two children and Miss GATES from Luan (all the party being members of the China Inland Mission), to make their way overland to Hankow, the nearest treaty port. They were fifty days accomplishing the journey, and five of them perished miserably on the way, and all of them suffered privations and ill-treatment almost unspeakable. Indeed, it is a marvel that any of them survived to tell the melancholy tale of murderous cruelty inflicted upon them by the callous-hearted people of Shansi. They had to leave Pingyao, where the Magistrate had always been friendly, because the savage Governor Yu HEIEN had practically ordered the destruction of all foreigners. The Pingyao Magistrate did what he could for them, however. He furnished them with an escort and sent them off to Tai-yuan, the capital, 150 li distant; but when they had arrived within about 20 li from this city, they were met by a native Christian who was fleeing south. He told them the Inland Mission premises there had

already been burned, that the Roman Catholic Mission had been torn down, and that the Baptist Mission was surrounded by a raging mob. Alarmed by this intelligence, they turned back towards Pingyao, and their escort at once left them. They reached Lucheng, where there was an Inland Mission station, in a state of utter destitution, having been stripped of all the money and valuables they possessed to satisfy the exorbitant demands of the people in the places through which they passed. There they rested in peace for two days, but had to resume their flight at midnight with nothing but a donkey-load of bedding and clothes and some silver to pay their expenses en route. They were soon relieved of these possessions. About 40 li from Lucheng they were stopped by a mob, who demanded money, and then proceeded to help themselves, leaving the poor fugitives not only completely destitute but stripped of all their clothes except a single pair of native drawers each. Neither sex nor age was respected or compensated, and in this pitiable condition they were driven along the road by men armed with clubs, from village to village, new bands of tormentors turning out from each and hounding them on. Neither food nor water was obtainable, except grass from the way-side and water from filthy puddles. Miss RICE, one of the party, succumbed to the inhuman beatings and torturing to which she was subjected about 50 li north of Tschun-fu, in Shansi. The full details of her martyrdom are almost too sickening for recapitulation, and her colleague Miss Horson fared little better, for, when she at length got away from her torturers and rejoined the party, her brain was protruding from a wound in her head. She struggled on with them, however, until they reached Yunnan-fu in Hupeh, where she died. Mrs. COOPER, another lady of the party, died at Yingshan of the hardships of the journey, her sufferings having been terrible from exposure, blows, and starvation. Two of the children likewise died untimely, done to death by the brutal peasantry. The surviving children when they arrived at Hankow were mere walking skeletons. It is only fair to add that so soon as the party entered the province of Hupeh, over which H. E. CHANG CHIN-TUO rules, they met with great kindness from the Magistrates there and were supplied with all necessities. In Shansi they had been hunted like wild beasts, and none of them would have escaped alive but for the selfish anxiety of the various officials that they should not die in their districts, probably inspired by a fear that in the future some reckoning might be called for.

This is only one story out of many. It is the first of which anything like connected detail have been given, and it is enough to turn even a "sluggard's blood to flame." It is bad enough to hear of our fellow countrymen being tortured and roasted to death by the "Heathen Chinese," but to learn that these pitiless fiends beat and stripped gently born women and delicate children, and drove them on the hard roads barefoot, half-headed, nearly nude under the blazing sun, hungry, thirsty, weary, and bruised with cruel blows from heavy sticks, is something that can neither be forgotten nor forgiven to the Governor of Shansi, whose hostile proclamation provoked this display of cold-blooded ferocity. If that infamous official is permitted to live and exist in his cruel deeds, it will reflect undying shame on this Colony, and will have a good effect if all served in this manner followed the runways up and gave them into custody. This is what Mr. T. K. Dealy, of Queen's College, did last week, the coolies being fined \$3, or eight days, on Saturday by Mr. Hazeland. The Magistrate remarked from the Bench that the behaviour of coolies in this Colony was becoming intolerable—a remark that every one will endorse.

The French Government has chartered several steamers to convey troops to the Far East. The *Notre Dame de Salut* was to leave Marseilles for Taku between August 8 and 10, having on board some 500 men and officers, 220 mules, and 500 tons of war material and provisions. The *Caledonian* and the *Melbourne*, which follow, convey about 2,000 men, with provisions and ammunition. The *Malabar III*, also chartered by the State, was to leave about August 15th, having 1,000 men and war material on board. The *Andes* and two other vessels from Havre have also been chartered to transport troops and war material to the Far East.

As the popularity of Kowloon as a place of residence increases, the demands upon the hotel accommodation increase likewise, and Mr. Osborne, of the Kawlooa Hotel, is making special efforts to keep pace with the times. He has had a new wing added to the original building, and will thus be in a better position to provide for the comfort of his guests than heretofore. The new premises are two stories in height. Excellent views are obtainable from the upper storey, where there are four airy and well-appointed bedrooms. Below is a large dining room, in addition to offices, and a clean well-ventilated cook-house. It is Mr. Osborne's intention to utilise the old dining room as a drawing room for the use of his boarders. Alongside the dining room is a verandah, looking south, and in front of the verandah is a nice grass plot which it is proposed to use for alfresco teas. A new and improved entrance from Chater Road has also been made.

Admiral Skrydorff was to leave Russia, via Paris, to take up the command of the Russian Pacific Squadron on or about August 6.

The Japanese cruiser *Asama* left St. Nazaire on 28th ult. for Folkestone to complete her supply of munitions, and was then to start for Yokohama.

The French ironclad *Redoutable*, flying the flag of Admiral Pottier, and the cruiser *Chacabuc-Lacaze*, left Cherbourg for China on the 2nd ult.

The *Kobische Zeitung* learns, from diplomatic sources, that it is intended to institute a financial control in China to secure the payment of all claims against the China Government.

Some anxiety is being felt for the safety of the Rev. and Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. Hewett, of the China Inland Mission, who are supposed to be on their way to Canton from Hing Yi in Kweichow.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: Lieutenant C. MacKenzie, to the *Centurion* for the *Whiting*, in command, to date July 28; Lieutenant H. S. Sherbrooke, to the *Centurion*, to date August 20.

The first-class gunboat *Rattler*, recently paid off from the China Station, is to be ready to commission in November for another term of foreign service. The *Rattler* is to be refitted at Sheerness Dockyard at a cost of £12,514.

The Trustees and Committee of the Hongkong branch of the Navy League have invited the members and associates of the branch to be present at the opening by Mrs. Powell of the Royal Navalanteen at Nos. 1 and 2, Blue Buildings, at 5 p.m. on Thursday next, the 6th inst.

Out of twenty-two members of the Bible Christian Mission at Yunnan-fu only eleven have arrived here safely as yet, and it is feared that something has befallen the remaining eleven, who left Yunnan for Hongkong within a few hours of the former batch. The various Councils etc. have been notified, and enquiries set on foot among the Chinese authorities this side of Yunnan.

On Saturday the Philippine Civil Commission entered upon their deliberations in the form of a legislative body at Manila. In political status the Commission will be paramount, and the military Governor will act under its authority and enforce its enactments. The Commissioners are: William H. Taft, Luke E. Wright, Dean C. Worcester, Henry C. Ide, and Bernard Moses.

Mr. David Clapham, who was one of the few Englishmen killed at Peking, was the third son of Mr. T. C. Clapham, Queen Mary's. He was educated at St. Andrews University and abroad, and in 1896 passed high in the examination list of student interpreters for the East. In 1897 he joined his first post in Peking, where he acquired an excellent reputation for ability, and, on the special recommendation of Sir Claude McDonald, was, early this year, promoted to be a full second-class assistant in the Consular service.

There will be a four-oar scratch race of the Boat Club for spoons at 5.30 p.m. to-day, on the Regatta course. The boats and stations are:—No. 1: Stroke Harost, Dandy, Wilson, S. Stevens; No. 2: Stroke Young, Smith, Wild, Winterburn; No. 3: Stroke Hance, Kenneth, Grinble, Kaplingat. A launch will leave Wardley St. Wharf for members and friends at 5 p.m. Mr. E. H. Grace has kindly consented to act as umpire.

It is a common complaint on the part of those who live some distance from the centre of the town that they have the greatest difficulty in getting chairs, inasmuch as the chair coolies, when they see them coming towards them, take to their heels, carrying their chair with them. It would have a good effect if all served in this manner followed the runways up and gave them into custody. This is what Mr. T. K. Dealy, of Queen's College, did last week, the coolies being fined \$3, or eight days, on Saturday by Mr. Hazeland. The Magistrate remarked from the Bench that the behaviour of coolies in this Colony was becoming intolerable—a remark that every one will endorse.

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TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

DAITOTER, 1st September, 10.5 a.m.

THE AMOY AFFAIR—JAPANESE TROOPS STOP IN FORMOSA.

The Japanese troops which were going to Amoy have returned to Taipeh.

AMOY, 1st September, 2.25 p.m.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN SHIPS ARRIVE—AMOY QUAY.

H.M.S. *Mohawk* and U.S.S. *Castine* have arrived here. The place is now quiet, and the exodus is falling quickly.

SHANGHAI, 2nd September, 12 p.m.

FIRST PEKING ARRIVALS AT SHANGHAI.

Several members of the Customs staff at Peking have arrived at Shanghai to-day. They are all right but tell a long story of hard work, privation, and a gallant defence.

PLIENTY OF DRINK, LITTLE FOOD. Fortunately their were large stores of champagne and whisky in the Legation, but the only meat was two horses daily.

THE LEGATION MINED.

The relief arrived just in the nick of time. A mine was discovered under the Legation, which it was intended to explode next day.

INDIGNATION AT RUSSIA'S SUGGESTION.

Great indignation prevails over the Russian proposal for withdrawal from Peking.

LONDON, 31st August, 7.35 p.m.

LI HUNG-CHANG TO BE RECOGNISED.

Russia has requested the Powers to command the Admirals' decision interdicting Li Hung-chang, from communicating with the Chinese authorities. The United States has assented, Germany and Italy alone dissenting.

THE "BACKING DOWN" PROCESS.

Russia has proposed that the Allies shall withdraw their troops from Peking. It is reported that five of the Powers have assented, Germany and Italy alone dissenting.

LONDON, 1st September, 9.35 p.m.

RUSSIAN DECLARATION OF POLICY.

Later in the day the transport *Montbazon* arrived from Calcutta with B Section Native Field Hospital, a Postal Establishment and 250 Siege Train bullocks. A British officer was in charge of each detail, and 243 followers in all accompanied them.

By the P&O mail steamer *Clyde* there arrived 12 officers and 270 men for service in China. The troops, who all came direct from home, mainly comprise Royal Garrison Artillery, drawn from the Eastern, Southern and Western Divisions; but in addition there are 25 men of the Royal Army Medical Corps from Aldershot, 1 officer and 41 men Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery from Woolwich, and details of Royal Welsh Fusiliers Royal Engineers, and Army Ordnance Department. The Garrison Artillery number 6 officers and nearly 200 rank and file.

The transport *Northada* brought 12 officers of the 5th Bengal infantry and 482 N.C.O.s and men.

The German transports *Halle* and *Dresden* also arrived on Saturday, the former bringing 24 officers and 130 rank and file for service in the North, the latter 47 officers and 130 rank and file. During the day the men armed all over the city, their glaring yellow uniforms and big straw hats attracting much attention and comment. Both transports left yesterday.

The *Nordstaedt* arrived from Weihaiwei and the *Canning* from Woosung.

The *Pentaloka* and *Virata* left Hongkong on Saturday for Calcutta.

The French cruiser *Carlier* returned on Saturday from Taku.

The steamer *Humber* left on Saturday for Shanghai and the hospital ship *Maine* has started for Taku.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Eighteen hundred horses to be used as remounts by the German Cavalry in China have been purchased by a San Francisco firm for the German Government. They are to leave that port during the latter part of this week for China. The three steamers impressed to transport the horses are the *Alejo*, *Nurnberg*, and *Berolina*.

The Russian Government have ordered from a San Francisco firm a large consignment of winter supplies for their troops and an order has been placed with an outfit firm for the supply of 1,200 horses for shipment across the Pacific.

The New South Wales Parliament in a vote on a resolution regarding the expediency of sending the Naval Brigade to China showed the "Ayes" and "Noes" to be equal. The President gave his casting vote in favor of the despatch of the contingent.

SENTENCE ON THE MURDERER OF THE LATE KING HUMBERT.

The murderer of the late King Humbert has been sentenced to perpetual imprisonment.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 1st September.

CANTON REVENUE CORE NORTH.
The Chinese officials at Canton have received a telegram from the Commissary authority of Chinkiang, requiring them to transmit the Canton revenue thither, so that it may be sent up north for war expenses. The Provincial Treasurer and the Salt Commissioner have been called upon by wire to remit 150,000 taels each, and all the officials, from the Viceroy down to the mandarins of the lowest grade, have had their pay forfeited during the continuance of the war. This, of course, is Chinese law.

THE SUPPRESSION OF NEWSPAPERS.

A printing office known as Hon Wan Kok, in Tai Sun Street, was on the 27th ult. seized by the Nam Hoi Magistrate for printing 3,000 copies of seditious placards. The printers were tried the following day, eleven being discharged and one, the proprietor, kept in prison to await trial. This action was followed by the seizure of all newspaper offices in Canton and the stoppage of all publications. It gave the Japanese ramblers a good opportunity to rob and lay their hands on whatever they could. Several proprietors and managers have been arrested and imprisoned.

BOXER LANGUAGE.

A refugee returned from the north to Canton relates that the Boxers had among their passwords the following terms. "They call a foreigner 'big ten cent,'" a Christian "20 cents," and any Chinese who has anything to do with foreigners "30 cents." To eat rice is "to wash through the sand," to kill "to wash."

FOR AMATEUR POSTMEN.

The decision of the Acting Magistrate of your Colony with reference to the carrying of letters against the Post Office Ordinance seems to have a good effect in Canton, for I saw on the walls opposite the Canton steamer wharf the other day placards posted up saying "Don't carry letters without a stamp; if you do, you will have to pay a fine of \$100 each, or six months' imprisonment."

A PRO-FOREIGN OFFICIAL MURDERED.

Ng Yau-chuan was the Magistrate of Si-on district for over three years. He was a friend of foreigners, and was fond of everything foreign; moreover, he was known to have kept up a constant correspondence with the reformer or Kang Yu-wei. Since the disturbances in the north, he had desisted from talking of anything foreign for fear that his enemies of the conservative party would do him injury. Some time this year, by order of the Viceroy, he appointed one of the gentry, Tang by name, to be a chief of the volunteer force in his district. Tang was an influential but bad man, and he squandered right and left. The Magistrate found this out, and after giving him a severe reprimand, fined him, at which Tang was very much dissatisfied, and watched for an opportunity to avenge himself upon the Magistrate. Some how or other he found out that the latter had corresponded with Kang Yu-wei, and got hold of a letter as a proof. Whereupon he presented a petition to the Prefect Pao Ho-k Nin against the Magistrate, charging him with conspiring with the reformer Kang to get up a rebellion against the Government. Prefect Pao replied that he had no authority to dismiss the Magistrate without order of the Viceroy. Tang continued to watch for a chance, and one day as the Magistrate was going out from his *yamen* in a chair, with a few servants following, Tang and a party of his associates attacked and murdered him in the street and wounded his servants. Upon an alarm being given his first and third sons and his secretary came out to help and were also wounded. The assassin and his men then rushing into the *yamen*, wounded and killed a few more of the servants.

SWATOW.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Swatow, 30th August.

HIGHHANDED ACTION OF GUNBOAT "COMETE."
During the course of the stay here of the French gunboat, she went out for a day's cruise, and on her return to Swatow the following two narratives were related to me by one of the officials here. It appears that the *Comete* went as far as Huan Ao, also called by some Huangasoo, where she landed some men, for what purpose is so far unknown. Some farmers who were carrying rakes, bamboo scythes, &c., were just going to their daily work, when they observed the French bluejackets coming on shore. As a foreigner is a very rare sight at Huan Ao, a small island close to Namo, the farmers, out of sheer curiosity, rushed along to gaze and wonder at the Frenchmen, who, it seems, interpreted the move of the Chinese as an act of hostility and without more ado fired at the crowd with the idea of dispersing them. Those on board the gunboat on seeing their men on shore firing on the Chinese, naturally thought them in danger and fired a shot from one of their guns at Huan Ao, with the result of three men killed and three dangerously wounded.

The other story goes on to say that the gunboat had landed a party, among whom there was a French priest at Huan Ao, and these had been insulted by the Chinese. On rejoining their ship, the French missionary, who understood the dialect of the Huan Ao people, related what had taken place to the Commander, who, thinking that the French flag had been insulted, ordered a shot to be fired which caused the death of three men and wounded three.

THE CONSEQUENCES.

The Cheng-tai of Namo, on being informed as to what had happened, despatched with all haste a telegram to the Acting Viceroy of Canton, asking him to enquire into the cause of the gunboat's action. In his telegram to the Acting Viceroy, the Cheng-tai stated that the gun-

boat arrived at Huan Ao on the 2nd day of the 8th moon and without any provocation opened fire, killing three men and dangerously wounding two. She left on the 3rd day of the 8th moon and returned to Swatow, leaving the latter place the same day for the south. The Cheng-tai reported the above incident to the head French missionary and telegraphed it also to the Acting Viceroy for his information.

The strangest thing of all is that those on the gunboat on returning to Swatow kept perfect silence, not divulging a word as to what had occurred. She left here on the 27th instant for Canton, apparently satisfied of having fulfilled her mission. In patiently awaiting the outcome of this incident I merely wonder what account the Commander of the *Comete* rendered as to what really happened. It cannot be denied that he acted very indiscreetly, for by his action he endangered the safety of the foreigners here, as the Chinese greatly resent his mode of procedure; and we could not very well blame them if they started a disturbance just now.

H.M.S. "MOHAWK" TO LEAVE.

I hear that the *Mohawk*, which is still here, has received orders to proceed to Amoy owing to some trouble having broken out there. I am also informed that the Japanese had landed a party at Amoy which was the start of the trouble, and it is now rumoured that the Yokohama Specie Bank at Amoy had been burnt down.

S.S. "CHINWAN" IN BAD WEATHER.

It took the *Chinwan* eight days from Hongkong to here, and she experienced frightful weather. She was fearfully knocked about and sustained several injuries, also losing two of her life-boats. However, nobody on board of her received any injuries.

THE CUSTOMS.

Mr. J. W. Innocent from Chefoo arrived here a few days ago and has taken over charge of the Customs affairs.

A NEW LINE OF STEAMERS.

I am informed from a very good source that a new line, connecting Swatow with North Borneo and Sandakan, is shortly to be inaugurated here. The promoters of this route are, I believe, Germans. A wealthy Chinaman has also arrived here who intends running boats between here and Sarawak.

THE CHINA BLUE BOOK.

The London and China Express says of the new China Blue Book (which should reach us in the course of a few days) that it does not add a great deal to our knowledge of recent events in that unhappy country. The Foreign Ministers appear to have failed to recognise the serious character of the "Boxer" rising, even after murders had been committed, while they equally failed to apprehend their own danger. It is clear also that the Chinese Government cannot be acquited of having to some extent encouraged the "Boxers," even if they did not openly and actively aid them. So late as June 2 Sir Claude Macdonald was inclined to believe that the Empress Dowager "does not dare to put down the Boxers," though wishing to do so. He had information, from a source he considered trustworthy, that the Empress was acting under pressure from Prince Tuan and other Conservative Ministers. Evidently the "Boxers" themselves regarded as dangerous to the Chinese Government. Mr. Picton, the French Minister, told Sir Claude he had good reason for believing that the Empress intended to leave Peking in order to save herself from the hostile demonstrations of the "Boxers." Within a few days, however, our Minister had to speak of her evident sympathy with the rioters. On the whole one cannot perceive the correspondence without recognizing that marked weakness was shown by the Powers. Throughout we have the strong protest of the Ministers on the one hand, and the profuse generalities or evasions of the Chinese authorities on the other, while nothing in the least proportionate to the danger was done. The Consul at Tientsin suggested that the safety of the Ministers might be secured by a threat to destroy the ancestral tombs of the present Imperial dynasty. This course commanded itself to Germany, but not to Lord Salisbury, who pointed out that authorities differed as to the position of the tombs, and that the proposed threat was unlikely to affect a riotous mob such as that which menaced the Legations. He recommended, as equally effective and less offensive to European sentiment, a collective intimation to the Government of Peking that every member of that Government would be held responsible in person and property for any injury to foreigners in Peking. The intimation was sent on July 5, but a fortnight previously—a week before it was suggested that the Ministers might be saved by threats—Lord Salisbury had opened up negotiations for their release by the direct interference of Japan. We now know why Japan hesitated to help. She would not move unless the Powers were unanimous in inviting her to do so. Lord Salisbury definitely objected, but the answer of both, and especially of Germany, were so vague that it is hardly surprising that Japan should have hesitated until July 6, when Lord Salisbury offered to furnish my financial assistance which might be necessary.

The text of the engagement entered into by the Viceroys of Nanking and Wuchang with the Powers is of interest:

Nanking, 3rd July, 1900.

We, the Viceroys of the Liang Kiang and Liang Hu Provinces, undertake to hold ourselves responsible for the security of foreign life and property within our respective jurisdictions, as well as in the Province of Chekiang, so long as the Treaty Powers do not land troops in either the Yangtze Valley or the Province of Chekiang.

(Signed) LIU KUNG YI.

CHANG CHIH-TUNG.

On July 4 the Acting Consul-General at Shanghai telephoned to Lord Salisbury.—

I think it would be a good thing if I could give assurance to both the Viceroys that they may count on every assistance being given them by Her Majesty's Government in any endeavour to resist attacks on the part of either the "Boxers" or of the usurping Prince Tuan in these districts, and also that for this purpose a strong naval force will be concentrated at Woosung.

And again on July 5.—

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CHINA IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE CRISIS.

On the 30th July, Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, asked whether he had any information to the effect that the Russians had assumed the sole control of the railway line from Taku to Tientsin, and beyond to Peking, as the line was restored, and also of the telegraph and telephone.

Mr. Brodrick: At a council of the Admirals held on July 16 it was decided that the railway between Taku and Tientsin should be guarded and managed by the Russian forces. We have informed the Russian Government that, as this arrangement may be the most convenient in the circumstances, we do not wish to raise objection, but that it must be clearly understood that the line will revert to its former management on the termination of the present hostilities.

Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett: Are we to understand from the right hon. gentleman's reply that sailors are still in charge of the land forces in China?

Mr. Gibson Bowles was understood to ask whether anything had definitely been laid down as to the reversion of the railway.

No answer was given to either of these questions, upon which

Mr. MacNeill said: The right hon. gentleman may answer. I guarantee that Lord Salisbury will excuse him ("Order, order," and laughter).

Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett asked whether the relief force had started for Peking, and, if not, what was the cause of the delay?

Mr. Brodrick: I replied to this question on Friday last. No advance to Peking has yet been considered possible by the military authorities, but we understand that preparations for it are now far advanced.

Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett asked who was to command the Allied force for the relief of Peking; and if the right hon. gentleman could inform the House what was its composition.

Mr. Brodrick: Owing to the defects in telegraphic communication in China, we do not yet know precisely what troops have arrived, and I am not in a position to make any statement as to the command.

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By Command.

F. H. MAY.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 18th August, 1900. [2280]

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held THIS DAY (MONDAY), the 3rd day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the Queen, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	1,014	Market Street and Upper Hill Street.	316 315 45 45	1,175,225	35,439	
		Inland Station.	1,100	150 150 300 300	45,000	1,000
		Lot No. 1,014, Tsimshai.				2,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

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N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	1,014	Above Po-fo Conduit.	150 150 197 201' 6"	23,750 171	3,670	
2	1,014	" "	150 150 212' 2" 197'	20,000 172	3,500	
3	1,014	" "	127 147 147 147	27,025 172	3,815	

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Hongkong, 30th August, 1900. [2311]

THE Undersigned has received instructions from MR. ATTACK, Furniture Dealer (owing to his removal to new premises), to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 15th September next, at his Store, 39, Queen's Road Central, the portion of his STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, &c. &c.

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V. I. REMEDIOS.

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1900. [2315]

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Hongkong, 18th August, 1900. [2283]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the General Manager, THIS DAY (MONDAY), September 3rd, and not on August 27th as originally advertised, at 4 O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Consulting Committee and Statement of Accounts to August 15th, 1900.

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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1900. [2195]

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OUR PARIS LETTER.

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The present tactics of Lord Roberts may be
very able, but it must be confessed that they do
not appear to be either very tangible or produc-
tive of striking results. The rapidity and suc-
cesses of other days we demanded by his countrymen.
French experts too are commen-
ting to be severe, and his opinion is not satisfied
at the inability to finish up with De Wet,
Olivier, and Botha. The enemy of late is
breaking much too freely through the cordons.
It is the opinion of a great many people that
Roberts is too lenient with his foe. Greater
severity is considered absolute necessity hence-
forth. The Boers swear and foreswear them-
selves as readily as they throw off their coats.
A few more of the culprits' farm-houses
levelled or burned, their property confiscated,
the franchise or voting power for ever denied
them, their horses and ponies forfeited, like their
arms, all those things would make them feel the
pains of the war which they provoked. As for
winning Dutch love, that is merely moonshine.
Make them feel the Power they challenged, and
its strength will be all the better felt. When
Boers surrender, they always manage to leave
their cannons in security. That conduct should
be more stringently investigated. The cannon
helps the rebels to hold out. Insurgents with
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Sept. 1, CHURAN, British str., for Europe.

Sept. 1, HOLSTEIN, German str., for Moji.

Sept. 1, YUEN-SANG, British str., for Manila.

Sept. 1, KUNGPING, Jap. str., for Shanghai.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	PROMETHEUS	Brit. str.	Day	G. W. Gordon, E.N.E.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow.
LONDON	JAVA	Brit. str.	A. Symons	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 6th inst.	
LONDON &c. via PORTS OF CALL	PAREAMATTA	Brit. str.	Barwise	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst. at Noon.	
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	Fulford	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst.	
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	ALCINUS	Brit. str.	Barr	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2nd Oct.	
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	HECTOR	Brit. str.	G. Meyer	MELCHERS & CO.	On 20th inst.	
BLEEMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL	PRINZ HEINRICH	Ger. str.	Dan. str.	MELCHERS & CO.	On 6th inst. at Noon.	
MARSEILLE, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN, VIA B'KOK	ANNAM	Jap. str.	W. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	Quick despatch.	
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPOE, &c.	SADO MARU	Fren. str.	Schnitz	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 7th inst. at Daylight.	
MARSEILLE, &c. via PORTS OF CALL	YADERA	Ger. str.	Braun	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 10th inst. at 1 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SIBIRIA	Ger. str.	Jager	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 21st inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	Sachs	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 30th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SERBIA	Ger. str.	Schulder	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 12th Oct.	
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VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON (VIA SUEZ CANAL).
THE Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS"
Captain Day, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 4th September.
For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1900. 2089

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"RICHMOND CASTLE"
will be despatched for the above port on or
about 4th instant, and will be followed by the
Steamship

"AFRIDI"

on or about the 8th September, and the
Steamship

"MARIA DE LARRINAGA".

For Freight, apply to

DODWELL & CO. LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1900. [2054]

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR MARSELLES, HAVRE AND
COPENHAGEN WITH OPTION VIA
BANGKOK.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANNAM"

will be ready to load as above on the 1st
September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1900. [2304]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND
TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU"

Captain S. Atsami, will be despatched for the
above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 3d Sept., at
DAILIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1900. [1443]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

"AUSTRALIAN."

Captain P. Helms, will be despatched for the
above port on THURSDAY, the 6th inst., at
NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provi-
sions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the
Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.

For Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1900. [2327]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE
(Calling at POOT DAWIN and QUEENSLAND
PORTS, and taking through Cargos ADE-
LAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE"

Captain St. John George, will be despatched for
the above ports on THURSDAY, the 6th inst., at
4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provi-
sions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

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A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Com-
pany to and from Australia are available for
return by the steamers of the China Navigation
Company and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1900. [2235]

THE CHINA AND MANIL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA ANOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA"

Captain Geo. T. Blackwood, will be despatched as
above on SATURDAY, the 8th September, at
5 P.M.

This steamer has Superior accommodation for
Passengers and is fitted with the Electric
Light.

A doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers

Hongkong, 31st August, 1900. [2330]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUS-
TRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR
BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL
AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"PARKMATTIA"

Captain A. Symons, carrying for Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from his for Bon-
day on SATURDAY, the 13th September,
1900, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo
for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables all cargo to France, and
Tea for London (under arrangement) will be
transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceed-
ing direct to Marseilles and London other
cargo for London &c. will be conveyed via
Bombay without transhipment.

Parcels will be received at his Office until
4 P.M. the day before sailing. To contents and
value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of his company's Bills
of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to

A. M. MARSHALL,
Acting Superintendent

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1900. [1]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

OCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES,

MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH
AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE
OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

COPIC (via Nagasaki, Kobo, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolu-

lu) THURSDAY, Sept. 6, at NOON.

GAEVIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobo, In-

land Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) THURSDAY, Sept. 27, at NOON.

DORIO (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobo, In-

land Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) TUESDAY, Oct. 23, at NOON.

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Steaming Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.

Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 9th Sept.

(Parcels are not to be sent on board;

they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to the Com-

pany's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1900. [2203]

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Hamburg, with the German Mail of the 6th August, left Singapore on Friday, the 31st ult., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 6th inst.

The City of Peking, with the American Mail of 11th ult., left Yokohama on Sunday, the 2nd inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 10th inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR.
Bangkok	Royal	Monday, 3rd, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Independent	Monday, 3rd, 11.00 A.M.
Syntow and Shanghai	Wing-pan	Monday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Manila, Iloilo and Cebu	Kai-feng	Monday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Moji	Kalgan	Monday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Mou-tai	Monday, 3rd, 4.00 P.M.
Manila	Diamonds	Monday, 3rd, 4.00 P.M.
Samshui and Wuchow	Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Monday, 3rd, 4.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Metzines Maru	Monday, 3rd, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Aurping Maru	Tuesday, 4th, 3.00 P.M.
Seipan, Tongpe and Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen	Munich	Wednesday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.
Finschhafen, Herbert-Hohe, Townsville, Rockhampton, Brisbane and Sydney		Thursday, 6th, Registration, 9.45 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Coptic	(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.30 A.M.)
EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin	Prinz Heinrich	Letters, 10.45 A.M.
(Late letters 10.45 to 11.15 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		Thursday, 6th, 4.00 P.M.
Samshui and Wuchow	Samshui and Wuchow	Monday, 10th, 4.00 P.M.
AMOT, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	America Maru	Registration, 4.00 P.M.
Samshui and Wuchow	Parramatta	(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin	Empress of Japan	Letters, 11.00 A.M.
(Late letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		OUTWARD.—31st July.—Moron, 3rd August.—Kara, Marquis's Paquebot, Olympia, 7th August.—Recina, Contourier, Kielholz, 10th August.—Bremen, Glogau, Serbia, Dresden, Halle, 14th August.—Candia, Magazin, Hamburg, Aachen, Charleroi, Moksa, Neuntung, Rhein, Sardinia, Strassburg, Elberfeld, 17th August.—Adria, Padrovia, Tivat, H. H. Meier, Phoenix, Polycenius, 21st August.—Meduif, Derbyshire, Melbourne, Glenariff, Nord, Adour, America, Bamberg, Konigsberg, 24th August.—Bombay, Caledonia, Idomenes, Alexandre III, Cybeline, 28th August.—Nardus, Sachsen, Glenturret, Purik, Kedg, Adato, Claverley, Gera, La Chompe, Sambia, 31st August.—Hakata Maru, Saratia, Drawgarth, Marie, Obi, Uruguay.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Crown Land, 3 p.m.
Meeting of Shareholders of Hongkong Cotton pinning; Weaving and Dyeing Co., 4 p.m.
TO-MORROW.

Sale, Property, Sailor Rooms, Mr. V. L. Rondeau, 2.30 p.m.
Sale, Crown Land, 3 p.m.
Meeting of the Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

SATURDAY, 1st September.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	907
Bank Bills, on demand	203	
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	204	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	205	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	304	
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	204	
ON PARIS.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	2564	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2612	
ON GERMANY.—		209
On demand		
ON NEW YORK.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	487	
Credits, 60 days sight	504	
ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1524
Bank, on demand	1524	
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1524
Bank, on demand	1524	
ON SHANGHAI.—		
Bank, at sight	713	
Private, 30 days sight	724	
ON YOKOHAMA.—		
On demand	4 p.c. pm.	
ON MANILA.—	TANKO	2 p.c. pm.
On demand		
ON SINGAPORE.—		4 p.c. pm.
On demand		
ON BATAVIA.—		4 p.c. pm.
On demand		
ON HAIPHONG.—		1024
On demand		
ON SAIGON.—		3 p.c. pm.
On demand		
ON BANGKOK.—		60
On demand		
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate	0.80	
GOLD LEAP, 100 fine, per tael	31.50	
BAR SILVER, per oz	34	

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Hamburg*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 6th August, left Singapore on Friday, the 31st August, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday morning, the 6th inst.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* left Kobe via Nagasaki, Shanghai and Foochow on the 27th ult., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 6th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 11th ult., via Honshu, left Yokohama for this port on Sunday morning, the 2nd inst., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The O. & O. steamer *Gaelic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honshu, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 21st ult.

The T. K. K. steamer *Hongkong Maru*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honshu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 20th ult.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on Monday, the 20th ult., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The steamer *Borneo* left Singapore on the 28th ult., and is expected to arrive here on the 3rd inst.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Sado Maru* (Europe Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 25th ult., and is expected to arrive here on the 5th inst.

The H. A. L. steamer *Serbia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 1st inst., and may be expected here on or about 6th inst.

The N. E. steamer *Glenogle*, sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 9th ult.

PASSED THE CANAL.

HOMeward.—20th July.—Diedon, 24th July.—Soudre, 10th August.—Indie, 21st August.—Canton, 24th August.—Stentor, 25th August.—Hiachi Maru.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 1st September

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	ISSUE VALUE.	PAID UP.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS
BANCS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30 ^{1/2} div. at 1/112d.—\$15.05 per share for 1st half year 1900	Buyers 305 p. c. pr. = \$300.25
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	100,875	\$125	\$125	None	21.
Do. Deferred	1,250	\$125	\$125	2/8 for 1899	25.5a.
National Bank of China, Ltd.	19,070 A	\$120	\$120	1 p. ct. final—10 p. ct.	\$27, sales and buyers
Do. Founder's Shares	20,055.41	\$125	\$125	2/8 div./17/18 = \$1.30 for 1900	\$27, buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Union Ins. Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	16 p. ct. = \$18 for 1899	\$255.
China Traders Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$250	\$50	16 p. ct. for year ended 30/6/99	\$257, sellers
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$100	\$25	1 p. ct. final—10 p. ct.	\$165, sellers
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$60	9—10 p. ct. for 1897	\$121, sellers
Canton Insur. Offce, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	5 per cent. for 1895	\$131, sellers
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$100	\$100	5 per cent. for 1895	\$1
FIRED INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$50	2/7 for 1898	\$295, sellers
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$20	8/8 for 1898	\$76, buyers
SHIPING.					
Hongkong, Canton and Macao S. B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$1.20 for half year ended 30/6/1900 } 6 p. ct. bonus for 1900	\$30, sales
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	6 p. ct. bonus for 1900	\$85, buyers
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	14,000	\$50	\$50	20 per cent. for 1899	\$165, old sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ 12 per cent. for year ending 30/6/1900 } 5 per cent. for 1899	\$50, sales
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. & bonus of 8s. in Ord. account for 1899	\$210, buyers
Do. Ordinary	20,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. & bonus of 8s. in Ord. account for 1899	\$18, sellers
Star Ferry Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. for year ended 30/6/1900	\$18, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	18,000	\$100	\$100	Int. of 5 p. cent. on account of 1900	\$300, sellers
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	Int. of \$21 per share on account of 1900	\$112, sellers
Luzon Sugar Refng. Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1897	\$30.
MINING.					
Punjum Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$8	\$8	None	\$5 sellers
Societe Francaise Charbonnages du Tonkin	30,000	\$1	\$1	None	\$1.
Quinas Mines, Limited	16,000	Fe.250	Fe.250	None	\$250, buyers
Jekabu Mining and Trading Company, Ltd.	400,000	25cts.	25cts.	13 1/2 per cent. for 1899	\$17, sellers
Rauh Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000	\$1	\$1	10/10 per cent. for 1899	\$200, sellers
Olivier Freehold Mines, Limited	A 15,000	\$5	\$5	5 p. ct. half year ended 30/6/1900 (coupons 7 7/8)	\$32, buyers
Great Eastern and Central Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	B 45,000	\$5	\$5	10 p. ct. & bonus of 8s. in 13 1/2 per cent. for 1899	\$20, buyers
Do. Preferences	70,000	\$1	\$1	First year	40 cents
DOCKS, WHARFS, &c.					
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited	12,500	\$125	\$125	Spec. & 12 p. ct. bonus for year ended 30/6/1900	Buyers 530 per c. pr. = \$787
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and G. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	Int. of 5 p. cent. on account of 1900	\$86, ex div., buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd.	2,000	\$100	\$73	Int. of \$14 per cent. for 1900 = 22 p. for 1899	\$60, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$92	\$67	22 per cent. for 1899	\$201, sellers</